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## Dear Herman:

With this letter is the application for renewal of the subject grant. Professor Cavalli-Sforza is, of course, playing a central role in maintaining this program; but, I should also say that it is an indispensable part of the intellectual life of my own laboratory. The chance to have people like Orio Ciferri and Vittorio Sgaramella has greatly enriched our research programs in molecular biology, and I hope they are also carrying a great deal back with them to Italy. The vitality of these exchanges — and their counterparts from our side (who do happen to be mostly younger) — speaks to the great success of the program as a functioning exchange of scientific insight, as well as for its sponsorship of research that would be entirely defensible on its independent scientific merits. The explicit recognition of the knowledge-sharing purposes of the grant is certainly very helpful to me as its administrator.

Needless to say, we are very eager to have the opportunity to continue this program as an inter-departmental, broad-based exchange, and hope that its further funding will meet with the Foundation's approval.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

Professor and Chairman Department of Genetics

Dictated by Dr. Lederberg but signed in his absence